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Recruitment of workers in the Government Press, Madras.

* 14 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) the procedure adopted in the matter of recruitment of workers (skilled and unskilled) in the Government Press, Madras;

(b) whether the Government have formulated definite rules for recruitment to the above categories of posts in the Press, and if so, what they are; and

(c) the steps taken to recruit unpaid apprentices in the Government Press and schemes framed and followed for their training?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) There are two methods for the recruitment of skilled and unskilled workers in the Madras Press Subordinate Service. One is by direct recruitment and the other by promotion from a lower category to a higher category in the same service. Usually, direct recruitment is made through the Employment Exchange. Occasionally, however, recruitment of some skilled and unskilled workers is made without reference to the Employment Exchange in the interests of Public Service, for example, when the posts have to be filled in immediately to avoid dislocation of work.

(b) Yes, Sir. The service conditions of the employees in the Government Press are governed by the Madras Government Press Subordinate Service Rules. Some of the posts, which were not governed by the Service Rules hitherto, will be brought under the Service Rules and the framing of such rules is separately under consideration.

(c) Generally, about 15 to 20 students of the Central Polytechnic undergoing training in Licentiate in Printing Technology are taken annually as unpaid apprentices with a view to give them practical training on the printing side. No definite scheme has been framed in this regard.

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY : Are there any diploma-holders working in the Government Press? I am told that there are some. If so, I want to know their scale of pay as compared with other workers' scales of pay.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I want notice.

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY : I thank you. I want just the information.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : With reference to the answer to clause (c) of the question, may I know whether the Government will consider the question of framing a definite scheme for recruitment of unpaid apprentices in the Government Press?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I have already stated that at present there is no definite scheme on hand.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.